Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 13 Apr 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 14 Apr 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 12 Apr 2023 at 17:12 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for showery conditions Thursday and Friday then for dry weather on Saturday. Lower confidence for details from Sunday.

Headline for Thursday 13 Apr 2023: Sunny spells and scattered showers, wintry on the tops. Winds easing.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 13 Apr 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Light snow	Fog	Fog	Sunny intervals	Sleet showers	Sleet showers	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
60%	60%	40%	20%	30%	40%	40%	20%

Forecast for Thursday 13 Apr 2023

Weather: Mainly cloudy with a few showers overnight and early in the day, falling as snow above 500m. These soon dying out in the morning and slowly brightening up. Scattered showers developing in the afternoon, falling as sleet or snow above 700m. The odd one could be heavy with hail and thunder but dying out during the evening

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% overnight and to start the day, becoming 70% during morning.

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor with areas cloud above 500m overnight and to start the morning. Visibility becoming mainly good through the morning but locally poor in any showers with patchy cloud down to 500m.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	22/28 E	17/22 NE	15/19 NE	11/14 E	6/10 SE	8/12 W	10/14 SW	10/13 S	12/15 S
900	16/21 E	13/17 E	13/19 E	9/14 E	6/9 SE	6/10 W	7/11 SW	8/11 SW	9/13 SW
600	17/22 E	13/18 NE	12/16 NE	7/11 NE	5/8 W	7/10 W	8/11 SW	7/10 SW	8/11 S
300	8/14 NE	7/12 NE	6/9 NE	4/6 N	4/7 NW	7/11 W	6/9 SW	4/7 S	5/9 S
Glen	7/17 NE	7/16 NE	4/11 NE	3/7 NE	3/7 NW	7/12 W	6/10 W	4/7 SW	4/7 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-4/-12	-4/-10	-4/-10	-3/-9	-3/-6	-2/-6	-2/-7	-3/-8	-4/-9
900	-2/-8	-2/-7	-2/-7	-1/-5	1/-2	1/-2	1/-3	-1/-4	-1/-6
600	1/-5	1/-4	1/-4	2/-2	4/1	4/2	3/0	2/-1	1/-2
300	3/-1	3/-0	2/-0	4/2	6/5	6/4	5/3	4/2	4/2
Glen	5/2	4/2	4/2	6/5	9/8	9/7	7/6	6/5	5/4
Freezing Level*	600m	700m	700m	700m	800m	800m	900m	900m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Fresh snow giving difficult underfoot conditions so correct footwear and equipment essential.

Forecast for Friday 14 Apr 2023
Weather: A cloudy start but brightening up through the morning. A few showers developing, some heavy in the afternoon with hail and also falling as snow above 800 or 900m. Becoming dry and clear through evening.

Maximum wind: South or Southwest 10 to 15mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% becoming 70% by afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Mainly very good visibility. Patchy cloud down to 500m in showers and also rather extensive at first.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2C rising to 10C.
At 800m: Minus 2C rising to 3C.
Freezing level: 700m rising to 1000m.

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